

I have tried to contact a Sinclair station in Milwaukee directly and was directed to call a number where I heard a message defending the "Lost Honor" program and advising me that my concern was, in short, inappropriate and prompted by "political interests". Then I was told that I could not leave a message because (perhaps) the mailbox was full. I suppose that is a convenient way to avoid the feedback.

The concentration of media power in this country is immoral, unethical and a grave threat to our democracy. For God's sake, do what you the FCC) are supposed to do, and protect the freedom of the airwaves by allowing for many voices.

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something

produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you.